TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

A. DYCE DAVIDSON,

M.A., C.M., M.B., M.R.C.S. Eng.

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THESE are to certify, that on the occasion of being admitted by this University, to the Degrees of Bachelor of Medicine and Master of Surgery, Alex. Dyce Davidson was found entitled to the Highest Academical Honours.

(Signed) P. C. CAMPBELL, D.D.,
Principal and Vice-Chancellor.

(Signed) J. MACROBIN, M.D.,
Professor of Medicine; Dean of the Medical Faculty;
Promoter to the Degree of M.B.

(Signed) WILLIAM PIRRIE, C.M., F.R.S.E.
Prof. of Surgery; Promoter to the Degree of C.M.

Given at the University at Aberdeen, the ninth day of August, 1866.

(Signed) JAS. S. BRAZIER,
Prof. of Chemistry; Secy. to Medical Faculty.

From WILLIAM PIRRIE, Esq., F.R.S.E., *Professor of Surgery, University of Aberdeen.*

I HAVE great pleasure in certifying that Dr. Davidson was one of the most distinguished Students of Surgery at the University of Aberdeen; that he shewed the greatest zeal for the study of Surgery, and acquired an excellent knowledge of that science; that I consider Dr. Davidson a young surgeon of superior talents, and that I do not know any one of the same standing who is better qualified to practise his profession.

(Signed) WILLIAM PIRRIE, F.R.S.E., M.D.

From J. MACROBIN, Esq., M.D., *Professor of Medicine, University of Aberdeen, and Dean of the Medical Faculty.*

IT gives me very great pleasure to bear testimony to the excellent personal character and high professional acquirements of A. Dyce Davidson, M.B. and C.M., of this University. After a first-rate general education at the University, and taking the degree of M.A., Dr. Davidson entered on the study of Medicine and prosecuted his studies with zeal and success—holding various appointments in the Hospital, and ultimately, on the occasion of taking his degrees in Medicine and Surgery, he graduated with the "Highest Honours:"—a distinction attained by very few, and implying marked pre-eminence in all of the branches of medical study. Dr. Davidson has since then acquired much practical knowledge of his profession at the Dispensary of this City, and in private practice as an Assistant. Altogether, I consider Dr. Davidson to be a gentlemen of great promise

in his profession—well informed in every department of it; and well fitted by character and disposition to discharge aright the important duties of resident medical officer in a Hospital or Dispensary; or any other situation in which he may be placed. I would feel the utmost confidence in his zeal, fidelity, and ability, and can with perfect confidence recommend him.

(Signed) J. MACROBIN, M.D.

October, 1866.

From J. STRUTHERS, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.E., *Professor of Anatomy, University of Aberdeen.*

DR. A. DYCE DAVIDSON was well known to me as a pupil in the Anatomical Class, and otherwise, during the last three years.

He was invariably industrious, proficient at the class examinations, and distinguished generally as one of the best students in the school. He is a good dissector, and obtained the first prize in the department of Practical Histology in my class. He has, I am aware, enjoyed excellent clinical opportunities of making himself acquainted with disease, and he availed himself zealously of them. Since leaving the Aberdeen University and Infirmary after his graduation here, he has enjoyed experience of a different kind, as assistant, in general practice in England.

I have been led to form a very favourable opinion of Dr. Davidson, not only for his ability and professional attainments, but also from the modest and conscientious manner in which he discharges his duty; and I have no hesitation in recommending him as well qualified for any situation

which a well educated young medical man can fill, as a young man of trustworthy character, and as deserving encouragement and success.

(Signed) JOHN STRUTHERS, M.D., &c.

October, 1866.

From A. HARVEY, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.C.E., *Professor of Materia Medica, University of Aberdeen, Senior Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine.*

I HAVE more than ordinary satisfaction in giving expression to the high opinion I entertain of the personal and professional qualifications of Dr. A. Dyce Davidson, M.B., C.M., and M.A., of this University. As to his University career in the Medical Department, it will suffice to say that, a prizeman in my own and in other classes, Dr. Davidson gained for himself, by his uniform good conduct and devotion to work, and also by his intelligence, the esteem and good-will of all his teachers; and that, on the occasion of his taking his degrees in Medicine and Surgery, he so acquitted himself at the Examinations on every branch of medical study, as to graduate with the "Highest Academical Honours,"—a distinction gained by very few graduates, and implying a high order of merit.

It only remains for me to speak as to one point in Dr. Davidson's career as a student. It is as to his qualifications in the department of practical medicine. For upwards of twelve months, he served under me as a Clinical Clerk in the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary; and I can truly say he was

one of the best clerks I ever had. In the discharge of his duties in that capacity, he devoted himself thoroughly to his proper business,—sparing himself neither time nor trouble; and, while turning to the best account for himself the advantages which he enjoyed, he was on all occasions mindful of what is due to the sick poor, and kind and gentle in his intercourse with them. While thus occupied he became an accurate observer, a skilful recorder of facts, and altogether, for so young a man, an excellent practical physician. Well informed in his profession, possessed of great good sense, and in every sense a gentleman, I consider Dr. Davidson a man of great promise and worthy of all confidence.

(Signed) ALEX. HARVEY, M.D., &c.

October, 1866.

From D. FIDDES, Esq., M.D., *Examiner for Degrees, University of Aberdeen, and Surgeon to the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, &c.*

I HAVE much pleasure in expressing the high opinion I entertain of the character and professional acquirements of Dr. A. Dyce Davidson. From the manner in which he distinguished himself as a student, and from the zeal with which he cultivated every opportunity at the Hospital of acquiring practically a knowledge of the different departments of his profession, I consider him eminently qualified to fill any situation for which he may become a candidate. I venture confidently to affirm that he will discharge the duties

required of him to the satisfaction of the Governors, and in a manner beneficial to the interests of the institution.

(Signed) D. FIDDES, M.D.

October, 1866.

From J. R. Wolfe, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., &c., *Ophthalmic Surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, and Surgeon to the Ophthalmic Institution, &c. &c.*

I hereby certify that Dr. A. Dyce Davidson acted as my clinical assistant in the wards of the Royal Infirmary and in the Ophthalmic Institution, during the sessions of 1863 and '64, and I always found his assistance to be a great acquisition in my private practice. I was highly pleased with the zeal and assiduity which he brought to bear upon his work. During the summer of 1865, he attended a course of Operative Surgery conducted by me, conjointly with Professor Anger, in the Paris operating theatres, where amongst English, American, and French students, he maintained the honour of the Aberdeen Medical School, in excelling all his compeers by his precise anatomical knowledge, as well as by manual dexterity. Dr. Davidson equally distinguished himself in all the departments of medical study; and I have no doubt that by his talents, devotion to his work, and character, he will take a high professional position.

I can strongly recommend him as a gentleman who will do credit to any position to which he may aspire.

(Signed) J. R. WOLFE, M.D., &c.

October, 1866.

From HENRY HANCOCK, Esq., F.R.C.S.E., *Professor of Surgery, Royal College of Surgeons of England; Senior Surgeon to the Charing Cross Hospital, London; Surgeon to the Royal Westminister Ophthalmic Hospital, &c., &c.*

I HAVE had the pleasure of knowing Dr. Davidson for the last two years, he having been introduced to me by Dr. Wolfe of Aberdeen, as his assistant, and a most hard-working zealous surgeon, and desirous of attending my clinique at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital.

Dr. Davidson has obtained a very sound and practical knowledge of the diseases of the eye, and I am confident that he would prove a most valuable and competent Surgeon to an Eye Hospital, and that in this capacity he would materially advance the science of Surgery, to which he has devoted his energies and talents.

(Signed) HENRY HANCOCK, F.R.C.S.E.

17th August, 1868.

From Mons. B. ANGER, *Prosecteur de l'Amphithéâtre d'Anatomie des Hôpitaux, chirurgien des Hôpitaux de Paris.*

JE, soussigné, prosecteur de l'Amphithéâtre d'Anatomie des Hôpitaux de Paris, certifie que Monsieur A. Dyce Davidson a suivi mon cours de chirurgie opératoire pendant les mois d'août, septembre et octobre, 1865.

Mons. Davidson a pratiqué sous ma direction, toutes les operations de la chirurgie; il possède une grande habileté manuelle et toutes les connaissances nécessaires pour faire un chirurgien distingué.

B. ANGER.

Amphithéâtre d'Anatomie, Paris,
29 Octobre, 1865.

The following are Testimonials from the Professors in the Paris Medical School, Session 1867-68:—

From Dr. Galezowski, *Professor of Ophthalmology, Paris.*

Je, soussigné, docteur en médecine de la Faculté de Paris, lauréat de la Faculté, professeur libre d'ophthalmologie à l'école pratique de la Faculté, certifie que M. le docteur A. D. Davidson a suivi mes cours à l'école pratique sur les maladies des yeux pendant sept mois consecutifs, et qu'il a suivi pendant ce temps mes conférences cliniques avec beaucoup d'assiduité. Dans toutes ces études il a montré beaucoup de capacités, ce que lui a permis d'approfondir cette branche importante de la médecine.

En foi de quoi je lui ai délivré le présent certificat.

Dr. X. GALEZOWSKI.

Paris, Mai 15, 1868.

From Dr. Desmarres, *Professor of Ophthalmology, Paris.*

Nous soussigné, docteur en médecine, chevalier de l'ordre de St. Grégoire-le-Grand (Rome), et d'Isabelle-la-Catholique (Espagne), professeur particulier d'ophthalmologie, certifions que Mons. le Dr. Alexandre Dyce Davidson a suivi nos cours, nos cliniques, et nos opérations, depuis le commencement du mois de decembre, 1867, jusqu'à ce jour. En foi de quoi nous lui avons délivré le présent certificat.

Dr. A. DESMARRES.

Paris, le 27 Avril, 1868.

From Dr. Desarenes, *Professor of Aural Surgery, Paris.*

Je, soussigné, docteur en médecine de la Faculté de médecine de Paris, professeur particulier des affections de l'ap-

pareil auditif, certifie que M. le docteur Davidson a suivi mes leçons, et mes cliniques, près des malades, avec regularité pendant six mois, et que je n'ai qu'à me feliciter de l'intelligence qu'il a apportée à ces études spéciales, et du grand progrès qu'il a fait.

En foi de quoi je lui ai délivré le présent certificat pour valoir ce que de droit.

DR. GARRIGOU-DESARENES.

PARIS, ce 5 Mai, 1868.

From MONS. RICHET, *Professor of Clinical Surgery, Paris.*

JE, soussigné, professeur de clinique chirurgicale à la Faculté de médecine de Paris, chirurgien à l'hôpital de la Pitié, officier de la légion d'honneur, &c., certifie que Mons. le docteur A. D. Davidson a suivi mon service pendant trois mois, et qu'il possède une grande connaissance de la chirurgie theoriquement et pratiquement au même temps.

A. RICHET.

PARIS, ce 9 Novembre, 1867.

From M. DENONVILLIERS, *Professor of Operative Surgery, Paris.*

JE, soussigné, professeur de médecine opératoire à la Faculté de médecine de Paris, chirurgien à la clinique de la Faculté, &c., certifie que M. le docteur Davidson a suivi regulièrement mon cours des opérations de la chirurgie, pendant le semestre de l'année scolaire 1867-68.

C. DENONVILLIERS.

PARIS, le 28 Mars, 1868.

From M. Gosselin, *Professor of Clinical Surgery, Paris.*

Je, soussigné, professeur de clinique chirurgicale de la Faculté de médecine de Paris, chirurgien à l'hôpital de la Charité, &c., certifie que le docteur Davidson a suivi mes leçons cliniques faites à l'hôpital de la Charite pendant les mois de decembre, 1867, et de janvier et février, 1868, avec regularité, assiduité et beaucoup de succès.

L. GOSSELIN.

Février 28, 1868.

From M. Robin, *Professor of Histology, Paris.*

Je, soussigné, professeur d'histologie à la Faculté de médecine de Paris, certifie que M. le docteur Davidson a suivi mon cours pendant le semestre de l'année scolaire 1867-68. En foi de quoi je lui ai délivré le présent certificat pour valoir ce que de droit.

CH. ROBIN.

Paris, le 30 Mars, 1868.

From A. Vulpian, *Professor of Pathology, Paris.*

Je, soussigné, professeur d'anatomie pathologique à la Faculté de médecine de Paris, médecin de la Saltpetrière, certifie que M. le docteur A. D. Davidson a suivi mon cours pendant les mois de février, mars, et avril, 1868, et qu'il a donné de soins à étudier pratiquement et profondément ce sujet si important pour le chirurgien à bien savoir.

A. VULPIAN.

Paris, Mai 4, 1868.

From M. VERNEUIL, *Professor of Surgery, Paris.*

JE, soussigné, professeur de pathologie chirurgicale à la Faculté de médecine de Paris, chirurgien à l'hôpital Lariboissière, &c., certifie que M. le docteur Davidson a suivi mon service à l'hôpital Lariboissière, pendant les mois de mars et avril du semestre 1868.

VERNEUIL.

PARIS, Mai, 1868.

From M. HARDY, *Professor of Medicine and of Diseases of the Skin, Paris.*

JE, soussigné, professeur de pathologie médicale à la Faculté de médecine de Paris, médecin de l'hôpital St. Louis, &c., certifie que M. le docteur Davidson à suivi mon cours pendant les mois de mars et avril, 1868, avec toute la régularité qu'on peut désirer. Il a aussi suivi mes cliniques sur les maladies de la peau faites à l'hôpital St. Louis pendant les mois de février, mars et avril, 1868, et il à toujours montré une bonne connaissance du diagnostic et du traitement de ces maladies.

A. HARDY.

PARIS, Mai 5, 1868.

From M. PEAN, *Surgeon to the Hospital for Women's Diseases, Paris.*

JE, soussigné, chirurgien de l'hôpital de Lourcine, certifie que M. le docteur Davidson a suivi mon service pendant le mois de mars, 1868, et qu'il a tiré profit de l'occasion que lui était présentée pour y étudier les maladies particulières des femmes.

PEAN.

Avril 3, 1868.

From Dr. Roger, *of the Children's Hospital, Paris.*

Je, soussigné, professeur agrégé de la Faculté de médecine de Paris, officier de la légion d'honneur, médecin à l'hôpital des Enfants Malades, &c., certifie que le docteur Davidson a suivi mon service et mes leçons orales sur les maladies de l'enfance pendant l'année scolaire 1867-68.

Il posséde toutes les connaissances pour faire un praticien célèbre et digne de toute confiance.

HENRI ROGER.

Paris, ce 25 Mars, 1868.

From M. See, *Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, Paris.*

Je, soussigné, professeur de thérapeutiques et de matière médicale à la Faculté de médecine de Paris, médecin de l'hôpital Beaujon, &c., certifie que le docteur Davidson a suivi mon cours pendant les mois de février, mars et avril, 1868.

G. SEE.

Mai, 1868.

From Professor Houel, *Paris.*

Je, soussigné, professeur agrégé de la Faculté de médecine de Paris, conservateur du musée Dupuytren, certifie que M. le docteur A. D. Davidson a suivi avec zèle et exactitude mon cours de Pathologie externe à la Faculté pendant les mois de novembre et decembre, 1867, et de janvier, 1868.

HOUEL.

Paris, Février 6, 1868.

From ROBT. JAMIESON, Esq., M.D., *Physician and Medical Superintendent to the Royal Lunatic Asylum, Aberdeen.*

I CERTIFY that Dr. A. Dyce Davidson took charge of this Hospital, as resident Medical Officer, during upwards of two months this summer, and gave great satisfaction in that capacity by his tact and professional skill; and I can strongly recommend him for any Medical appointment, in which an acquaintance with the symptoms and treatment of mental disease is of importance.

(Signed) ROBT. JAMIESON, M.D.

August 12, 1866.

From ROBT. RATTRAY, M.D., M.R.C.S.E., *Medical Superintendent, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary.*

DR. ALEX. DYCE DAVIDSON has been well known to me since he commenced his medical studies at this Hospital. During the period of his attendance here, he was a most diligent student, and his zeal, in acquiring a scientific and practical knowledge of his profession, was acknowledged by his fellow students as well as by his teachers; and on this point I have no difficulty in recommending him as already well qualified to fulfil the duties of any medical appointment to which he may be elected; and from his unimpeachable moral character, courteous and agreeable disposition, and his devotedness to his profession, I have no fear but that he will soon gain the esteem and confidence of thosewho may require his services.

(Signed) ROBT. RATTRAY.

October, 1866.

From J. W. F. Smith, M.D., *Physician to the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, and Lecturer on Clinical Medicine.*

I have much pleasure in testifying to the zeal and ability with which Dr. A. Dyce Davidson carried on his Medical Studies here. He was most diligent in his Hospital attendance, and took every opportunity of acquiring a practical knowledge of his profession. From my acquaintance with his professional qualifications and his general character, I can with confidence recommend him for any public appointment, feeling sure that he will conscientiously discharge all the duties required of him.

(Signed) J. W. F. SMITH, M.D.

October, 1866.

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